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Network

Keep the Guard Home

Video Campaign

The Chamberlain Network is asking veterans to record short, direct-to-camera videos speaking out against the increased deployment of the National Guard domestically without a real emergency and asking their governors to keep the National Guard at home.

These clips should be 30–45 seconds, personal, and fact-based, explaining why using the military for domestic purposes without cause is wrong and why governors should refuse requests to call up their National Guard for this purpose. Your voice helps protect the principle that the military stays out of politics.

Recording tips:

- Location: Choose a quiet space with good lighting. Natural light from a window or soft indoor lighting works best.
- Background: Keep it simple and free of distractions.
- Framing: Position the camera at eye level.
- Sound: Reduce background noise. Speak clearly and at a steady pace.
- Delivery: Stick to the script's key points, but speak as you would in conversation.
- Length: Aim for 30–60 seconds. Shorter is often stronger.
- Submission: Once recorded, upload your video using the TCN Video Upload Form.

Quick Guide to Making Your Own Script

1. Open with who you are
 - "I served in the Marine Corps..." / "I live in D.C...."
2. State one fact
 - Our Guard is used for...
3. Say why it's wrong
 - Breaks civilian control.
 - The Guard is for emergencies, not politics.
4. Close with a takeaway
 - "Governor [name of governor], keep the [name of state] guard home."
 - "Governor [name of governor], keep our National Guard focused on protecting us from foreign threats."

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Sample Scripts

Feel free to use these scripts when making your video, or you may create your own.

Option 1 – This Isn’t How We Use the Military

I served in the military, and we don’t deploy without a real mission. Calling the National Guard to DC when there’s no emergency there and when the DC government hasn’t invited them in, shows that this is about politics, not public safety. By taking away our community’s ability to govern ourselves, we erode our democracy. Governor [insert name] we need the [state name]’s Guard in our community, not policing DC. Keep the guard home.

Option 2 – Oath to the Constitution

When I joined the military, I swore an oath to the Constitution — not to a president, not to a political party. The Founders made civilian control of the military a core principle for a reason. Federalizing deploying [name of state]’s troops in D.C. without cause breaks that principle. We should never turn our armed forces into a political tool. Governor [insert name], as a veteran I urge you to keep the Guard home.

Option 3 – The Military Is Not a Political Tool

The National Guard is part of our community in [insert state name]. We count on it during floods, fires, and real emergencies. Sending it to D.C. without an emergency or a request from local leaders puts politics ahead of service. That’s not why we put on the uniform, and it’s not how you keep the Guard trusted and ready for when it’s really needed. Governor [insert name] don’t let [state name]’s Guard be used for political reasons. Keep the guard home.

Option 4 – Dangerous Precedent

The rules about when a president can use the military at home are there for a reason. Each time those rules are broken, it becomes easier to break them again — anywhere, anytime. What is happening in D.C. sets that precedent. The [insert state name] is needed to serve our community here. Governor [insert name] don’t let [state name]’s Guard be used for political reasons. Keep the guard home.